Letters

Need cited

Editor's Note: The following letter was writen by an eleventh-grade hearing-impaired student at Appomattox County High School.
Editor:

Deaf and hearing people should have TTY, because deaf people can't talk on the phone. Imagine! What would happen if they had an accident or anything happened to them. A deaf person may see an accident. He wants to help them but he can't. He can't even call during emergecies.

I really want to have a TTY, because it would help me to call someone in case of an accident. I can't get one, because it is too expensive and there are none in Appomatox or other cities close by.

Sincerely,
Teresa Franklin

Ordinance opposed

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on the recently published legal notice of a proposed ordinance making game-rooms in Appomattox County liable for admitting customers under 16 years old, being open during school hours, after 11 p.m. on Saturday or open on Sunday.

As a citizen and parent, I am outraged that the town fathers feel that one type of entertainment open to youth in our community is so tabu it must be controlled as if it was a dangerous substance for minors, like alcohol or pornography. I resent government trends which would limit our choices by controlling our individual actions. As parents, we should be responsible for giving our children a set of priorities. School **and** play are children's work. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child attends school daily. If the parents are unable to do this, then a truant officer is responsible for getting the child back in shool. Why should a business owner be responsible for this? And if the game room operator is responsible for entertaining a truant, then why aren't other business operators likewise responsible?

Personally, I would rather my teenager squander a quarter on a video game for 30 minutes of recreation than stuff herself with junk food or "cruise" town hang outs wasting gasoline. The game rooms are supervised; certainly a plus over the parking lots.

Also, older teenagers, and young adults' curfew on Saturday night is often much later than 11 p.m. Why should they be denied a place to spend recreational time in a spot not conducive to mischief?

Sundays are "the day off" for most of us. Movies and other entertainments suitable for family outings are somewhat limited in our area. Why should our one option be closed?

This ordinance will become law unless you vocalize a differing opinion to your local officials.

These computerized toys are the play things of our age of technology. If nothing else, they develop great aptitudes for hand-eye coordination. In this space age we live in and move toward, video games are a valuable teaching tool; a prelude to responsible participation in the work force of the future.

The pinball hounds of the 40's and 50's are sure to number among the contributing members of our community. Would you deny our children similar recreation in their leisure time?

Sincerely,
Vessilyn Wight
Appomattox, Va.

Adams completes training

Staff Sgt. John B. Adams, son of Henry P. and Stella B. Adams of Route 1, Pamplin, Va., has completed the helicopter weapons systems repairer course at the U. S. Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Va.

The course prepared enlisted personnel to perform maintenance on helicopter armament subsystems, specialized weapons test sets and ancillary equipment.

His wife, Nina, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Robinson of 304 Grattan St., Topeka, Kan.

Adams is a 1980 graduate of Washington University, Topeka.

Rocks news

By Cassie Baldwin

March S.t was a very rainy day last Sunday. So thankful for the rain. Farmers are behind with their work.

Rachel Richardson came home Friday night from the hospital after having chicken pox. May she have a quick recovery.

Randy Hipps has the chicken pox. He is getting out and around now.

Mrs. Irma Smith accompanied her daughter and son-in-law to Richmond Friday afternoon. They were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nash of Appomattox.

A number attended the Slayton sale on Saturday at Pamplin.

Steve Burrell of U. S. Navy stationed in Norfolk spent the weekend at Appomattox with his mother, Elsie and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith at Pamplin.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Maxwell who are celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on March 8.

We are so glad Dr. Clyde O'Brien came home from a Charlottesville hospital last Sunday. Hope he will have a complete recovery very soon. Our prayers are with him and his family.

Our Home Mission Week of Prayer opened last Sunday with a good beginning.

The Acteens presented a skit at the opening of the Sunday School devotion and for the preaching service. We were privileged to have Miss Judy Koger, a director of the Baptist Center in Salem, Va. Miss Patty Bailey of Manassas accompanied her here.

Our offering is $726.00. May this be a great week for everyone for learning and sharing.

Our study in Jeremiah ended on last Sunday night. Had to make several attempts before we got to the end. Our pastor did a good job with it.

A shower was given in Farmville last Sunday evening in honor of Jane Almond, bride to be, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Ray Thompson. A number attended.

A number went to the Keysville Nursing Home on Tuesday night.

The Faithful Workers Sunday School Class meeting will be held with Rachel Ranson on March 18 at 1:30 p.m. All are asked to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wooldridge were in Richmond last Sunday for the day.

Mrs. Junior Taylor returned from Southside Hospital but had to leave the baby who has yellow jaundis. Hope he will be coming home this week. His name is Clayton Wayne.

Sherman Self, brother of Mrs. Ophelia Martin of Appomattox entered University hospital again on March 3 to take off and graph more skin on his hand that was caught in a corn picker last fall. He returned home March 9. Hope he will be well soon.

Trooper Rodney Roach of Lovingston was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Baldwin are "all smiles". It's a boy, Michael Edward, born at Virginia Baptist Hospital on March 11 at 7:30 p.m.

A number from Pamplin attended the Eweinberg funeral in Richmond on March 5. Sympathy is extended his wife and children.

The town of Pamplin was really hurt Monday morning when they learned that the garment factory was destroyed by fire. Hope the girls will find work soon. So thankful no one was injured in the blaze.

Wedding bells will be ringing around here Saturday afternoon, March 13 at 2 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hipps and Todd will spend the weekend in Tenn. with the former's father.

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Zion Baptist

By Susie Ann Hunter

You are cordially invited to attend our regular preaching service to be held at Zion Baptist Church, March 21 at 11 a.m. Our pastor, the Rev. Charles Lewis will preside.

The Pastor's Aid group met last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wesley. Our president, Mrs. Susie Hunter, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Mattie Lawson, our chaplain, was in charge of the devotion. Deacon Frank Johnson, our secretary, recorded the minutes. Minutes were read, dues were taken, and other business was attended to. Then the meeting was adjourned. The group will meet again in June.

Our sick are improving. We are sorry to hear of the accident Mr. and Mrs. Martin Womack had on their way to Farmville. Thanks to God they did not get hurt.

The Ladies' Aid group met Sunday at the church at 2 p.m. Our president, Mrs. G. W. Wiggins, called the meeting. Mrs. Etta Edward was in charge of the devotion, minutes were read and dues were taken, then old business was attended to. The group is making plans for their Mother's Day program the second Sunday in May at 11 a.m. Mrs. Barbara Wesley is sponsoring a program the fifth Sunday in May to benefit some deacon chairs. Mrs. Wesley is chairman of the committee, and Susie Hunter and Jane Byrd are the other program committee members. Jane Byrd will be emcee of the program, which will be held at the church. The Wesley brothers will be special guests.

Mt. Shiloh news

"And He shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." Revelation 22:1

A large crowd of members and friends gathered for morning worship service last Sunday. Rev. Yuille preached a most inspiring sermon, "Do you believe prayer is for real?" The Last Supper was conducted following morning service.

We were glad to have Mr. Willie Harvey to fellowship with us. We were informed that Mr. Edgar Chilton was taken to the hospital Sunday morning. Prayers are extended to the sick members and to the sick and shut-in everywhere.

A reminder to the Willing Workers Club - anniversary this Sunday at 3 p.m. Mrs. Louise Scates from Chatham will be in concert.

There will be a rehearsal for all Jr. and Young Adult choir members this Saturday at 2 p.m.

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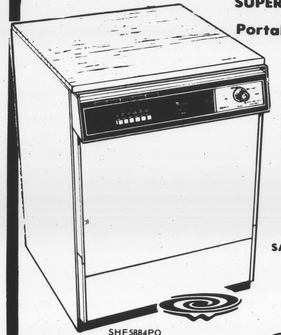

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Prevalent at this time

Prevent grass tetany

By James A. Smith
Extension Agent

Grass tetany is of particular concern at this time of year, but it can occur any time. Prevention is better than a treatment, because death can come in a relatively short time. Statistics show that it can occur in 1% of the adult female cattle. Older cows with calves less than 60 days old are most frequently afflicted, but again it can occur it any stage of gestation.

The problem occurs when the blood serum level of magnesium drops.

Supplemental magnesium must be provided daily and should begin two weeks before calving. Cattle should receive ½ to 1 oz. of magnesium oxide daily to provide complete protection.

Unfortunately, magnesium oxide is not palable and should be mixed with other materials to insure proper intake. Following are several ways of adding MgO to the diet:

When feeding grain - Mix 3 pounds Mg0 to 97 pounds of grain and feed at the rate of 2 pounds per day.

If protein supplement is used - Mix 12 parts by weight of Mg0 to 88 parts of supplement and feed at rate of ½ pound daily.

If silage is fed - Sprinkle ½ to 1 oz. per head daily over the silage at feeding time.

Mineral mixes may be offered free choice. A 1:1:1 mixture of Mg0 and trace mineralized salt and protein supplement (soybean, cottonseed or peanut meal) is another way to feed Mg0.

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Lice are still on cattle. Beef cattle can be treated with Lysoff (Fenthion) or Dursban 44. These are pour-on treatments. Follow mixing directions carefully as outlined on the label.

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Small grain producers should check fields closely for aphids. Di-syston, Systox and Cygon are recommended insecticides. One side effect of treating is that many insect predators are also killed which may cause army worm and cereal leaf-beetle infestation to be greater in fields treated with one of these insecticides.

Aphids need to be controlled when the insect populations reach the following levels:

Plant Hgt.	Number Aphids
3-6"	100/linear foot
6-10"	200/linear foot
10-18+	300/linear foot
In heads	20-25 per grain head

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Don't overlook overseeding clover in pasture and grass hay fields.

Clover increases yields, improves feed quality and eliminates the need to use nitrogen fertilizer and reduces need for lime (Nitrogen lowers the soil pH rapidly).

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If you plan to graze stocker cattle this spring and summer, be sure to include the use of Rumensin in your feeding program. It will increase rate of gain and feed efficiency. When used in grazing programs, the typical response is a 16% increase in rate of gain.

Tips for food budgets

By Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

If you're new at budgeting your food money here are some practical reminders from the U. S. Department of Agriculture for saving money.

1. Keep a record of the amount of food you throw away in a week. Next time buy only what you or your family will eat.

2. Use the unit pricing on store shelves to find the brand and container sizes that are the best buy. Even if the food is a good buy make sure you can use it without waste. (Please check carefully sometimes two smaller containers cost less than one larger container holding the same amount.)

3. Avoid foods that are packaged as individual servings. Extra packaging usually means a higher price. Some examples are ready to eat cereals, raisins, and tea.

4. When buying meat consider the amount of lean meat in the cut as well as the price per pound. A realatively high price cut with little or no waste may provide more meat for your money than a low price cut with a great deal of bone, grissle, or fat.

5. Examine the labels of "new" products and the old standbys. Compare prices, net content, ingredients list and if available the nutritional information panels. The cost to you for a slightly modified product such as the addition of a little seasoning, a sauce, a few onions, or imitation bacon bits, some raisins, dates or nuts may be more than you wish to pay.

6. List all the foods you bring into the kitchen and add up the amounts of foods from the four food groups that you used that week. This will help you make sure your family eats foods from fruits and vegetables, breads and cereals, milk and cheese, and the meat and meat alternates group.

If you would like more information on figuring out a food budget and tips for staying on one, you may write for a free bulletin to: Family Food Budgeting, Agriculture Radio, Washington, D. C. 20250.

If you have a homemaking question or problem you may call us at 352-8244 or you may write P. O. Box 188, Appomattox, Va. 24522. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you.

Have a good week homemakers!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Apricot Baby Food Cake
2 cups self-rising flour
2 cups sugar
1 ½ tsp. cinnamon
½ cup nuts (optional)
4 eggs
1 ½ cup oil
2 small jars apricot baby food
Mix by hand and bake in sheet cake pan 55 minutes 325°
Frosting: 3 oz. cream cheese
1 stick butter
1 ½ cup conf. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla

Note: The frosting is optional. Many thanks to Hazel Saunders for sharing this delicious recipe with us. She got this from a friend in West Virginia, Joyce Miller.

Happiness is 4-H

Strawberry plants should arrive this week. Families ordering strawberry plants will be notified as soon as the plants arrive. You many want to check with us by calling 352-8244 since there will be a one to two day delay in getting the word to you after the plants arrive.

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The East Central District 4-H Leaders Meeting will be held in Blackstone at the Southern Piedmont Research Station this Saturday, March 20. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program will be over by 3:00 p.m. A $5.00 registration fee will cover the cost of the luncheon. An excellent program is planned. Please give us a call at the Extension Office if you plan to attend. Transportation will be pooled if possible.

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4-H Bluebird Houses will be ready for delivery to 4-H'ers this week. Approximately 125 4-H'ers have ordered bluebird houses this year. It is most important to get the birdhouses up as soon as possible. Bluebird houses should be placed on a post or pole in the open, no more than six or seven feet off the ground.

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Applications are now available for senior 4-H members to participate in this summer's Interstate Exchange Trip to Wisconsin. Tentative dates for the trip are July 19 - July 29. About fifteen senior 4-H'ers will be selected to participate in this program.

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The Appomattox Junior 4-H Presentation (formerly Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks) program will be held Saturday morning, April 3, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Appomattox Elementary School. 4-H members aged 9-13 may participate in the program. Workshops will be held to help 4-H'ers with their presenations. Dates for the workshops will be announced later this week. Top winners in the program on April 3 will go on to represent Appomattox in an area contest in Rustburg on April 17.

Estimates cited

By TOM CONRAD

ASCS projects 1982 Deficiency Payments - ASCS has released preliminary estimates of deficiency payments it may be required to pay for 1982 crops enrolled in the voluntary acreage reduction program.

ASCS estimates payments of 30 cents a bushel for wheat, 15 cents a bushel for corn and barley, 18 cents a bushel for sorghum.

Target prices in effect for 1982 crops are $4.05 a bushel for wheat, $2.70 a bushel for corn, $2.60 for sorghum and barley.

The deficiency payment estimates, which are based upon current commodity prices and supply-demand factors projected for 1982 have been issued early so that producers can take them into account when making their planting decisions.

Those growers not participating in the reduced acreage programs, or set-aside as it is called, are not eligible for these payments. Nor will they be eligible for price support loans or target price protection.

Growers Approve Marketing Quotas For Fire-Cured Tobacco - Preliminary results of the tobacco referendum held Feb. 22-26 show that 95.23 percent of the growers voting favor marketing quotas for the 1982 crop of fire-cured (Type 21) tobacco.

Results from the State indicate 2156 of 2264 ballots cast favored the quotas. **NO COST TOBACCO PROGRAM PROPOSED** - Proposals for operating a no-net-cost-to-taxpayers tobacco price support and production adjustment program have been submitted to Congress by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The recovery of costs, other than the cost of administering the program, was mandated by the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981.

The proposals include two administrative actions which would be effective with this year's tobacco crop. One eliminates the current limitation on the amount of money tobacco producer associations may deduct from price support advances made to producers. The deduction is withheld by the associations to help meet their administrative costs. Removing the limitations will also reduce the need to borrow additional amounts from the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Under the other administrative action, net gains realized by tobacco producers associations from the sale of one crop of tobacco would be available to offset losses incurred by the association on other crops. A tobacco producer association realizes net gains when one crop of tobacco pledges as security for a price support loan is sold for more than the amount needed to fully repay the loan, plus accrued interest.

Implementation of these administrative actions will substantially reduce the cost of the program to taxpayers, but will not assure a no net cost tobacco program. For this reason, USDA recommended two legislative proposals: one establishes a fee to be collected from each producer marketing tobacco to offset losses arising under the program. Another legislative recommendation would authorized ASCS, under certain circumstances, to adjust price support levels for various kinds of tobacco. Current legislation does not afford discretion to adjust price support levels to compensate for changing economic and marketing conditions.

The administrative actions and legislative proposals are expected to acheive a no net cost tobacco program.

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